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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1646

FEDER ET AL.

Examiner: JIANG, DONG

APPLICATION NO: 10/075,846

FILED: FEBRUARY 13, 2002

FOR: POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING A NOVEL GLYCINE
RECEPTOR ALPHA SUBUNIT EXPRESSED IN THE
GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT, HGRA4, and SPLICE VARIANT
THEREOF

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Official action dated November 3, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks for the captioned application, without prejudice. Applicant's response is timely filed and no Extensions of Time are required.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begins on page 3.

Applicants disagree. However, in the sole interest of facilitating prosecution, Applicants have cancelled Claims 20 to 40.


Applicants believe the Examiner's rejection of Claims 20, 21, 32, 25, 27, and 30 to 36 has been rendered moot in consideration of the cancellation of these claims. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute 20, 21, 32, 25, 27, and 30 to 36 as originally presented in related applications. Applicants right to equivalents of Claims 20, 21, 32, 25, 27, and 30 to 36 are reserved. No new matter has been added.

Applicants believe that all of the Examiner's rejections and objections have been overcome and that all of the pending claims before the Examiner are in condition for allowance. An early Office Action to that effect is, therefore, earnestly solicited.

If any fee is due in connection herewith not already accounted for, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 of the undersigned. Furthermore, if any extension of time not already accounted for is required, such extension is hereby petitioned for, and it is requested that any fee due for said extension be charged to the above-stated Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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